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SUBJECT: G-3 TARIFF

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1. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED OVER GOS DILATORY TACTICS WITH REGARD TO NEGOTIATIONS ON SETTLEMENT OF G-3 DISPUTE. EARLIER INDICATIONS FROM GOS WERE THAT THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH U.S. TEAM IN THE TIME FRAME OF END FEBRUARY, EARLY MARCH. IT IS NOW WELL INTO MARCH AND THERE IS NO INDICATION OF A FIRM DATE FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS. AS STATED IN REFTTEL U.S. TEAM IS PREPARED FOR DISCUSSIONS AND AVAILABILITY OF MEMBERSHIP ON THE TEAM BECOMES CRITICAL TOWARD THE END OF MARCH. THEREFORE, DEPARTMENT WILL AP-
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PRECIMATE RENEWED EMBASSY EFFORTS TO MOVE SPANISH TOWARD

EARLY DATE, HOPEFULLY WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK, TO PROCEED WITH THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. DEPARTMENT IS INDEED AWARE OF EMBASSY'S EFFORTS AND ITS FRUSTRATION OVER SPANISH FOOTDRAGGING. THERE IS SOME FEELING THAT SPANISH MAY BE SEEKING TO DELAY G-3 TALKS UNTIL AFTER CONCLUSION OF SENATE ACTION ON FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION TREATY. SPANISH COULD CONCEIVE THAT RATIFICATION WILL DEPRIVE U.S. OF LEVERAGE WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE

BE AVAILABLE IN THESE TALKS. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO SUGGESTION OR INDICATION THAT SENATE HAS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE G-3 ISSUE, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THERE WILL BE SOME CONCERN BY THE SENATE OF TAX RELIEF ASPECTS OF THE TOTAL SPANISH PACKAGE. FOR THIS REASON, IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO HAVE THIS MATTER RESOLVED AT AN EARLY DATE. KISSINGER

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